GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2259
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DUTIES OF COAST GUARD BOARD
Gawali Smt. Bhavana Pundlikrao

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has adopted the provisions of United Nations Third Conference on the sea law;

(b) if so, the details of the provisions of said law; and

(c) the duties of Indian Coast Guard Board?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Third United Nations (UN) Conference on the Law of the Sea, 1973 resulted in adoption of UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982. India has ratified the Convention. Legislation passed by India conforming to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea include the
(i) Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and other Maritime Zones Act, 1976;
(ii) Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by foreign vessels) Act, 1981;
(iii) the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 2002;
(iv) the Coast Guard Act, 1978; and
(v) the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and amendments thereto.

(c) There is no board by the name of Indian Coast Guard Board.